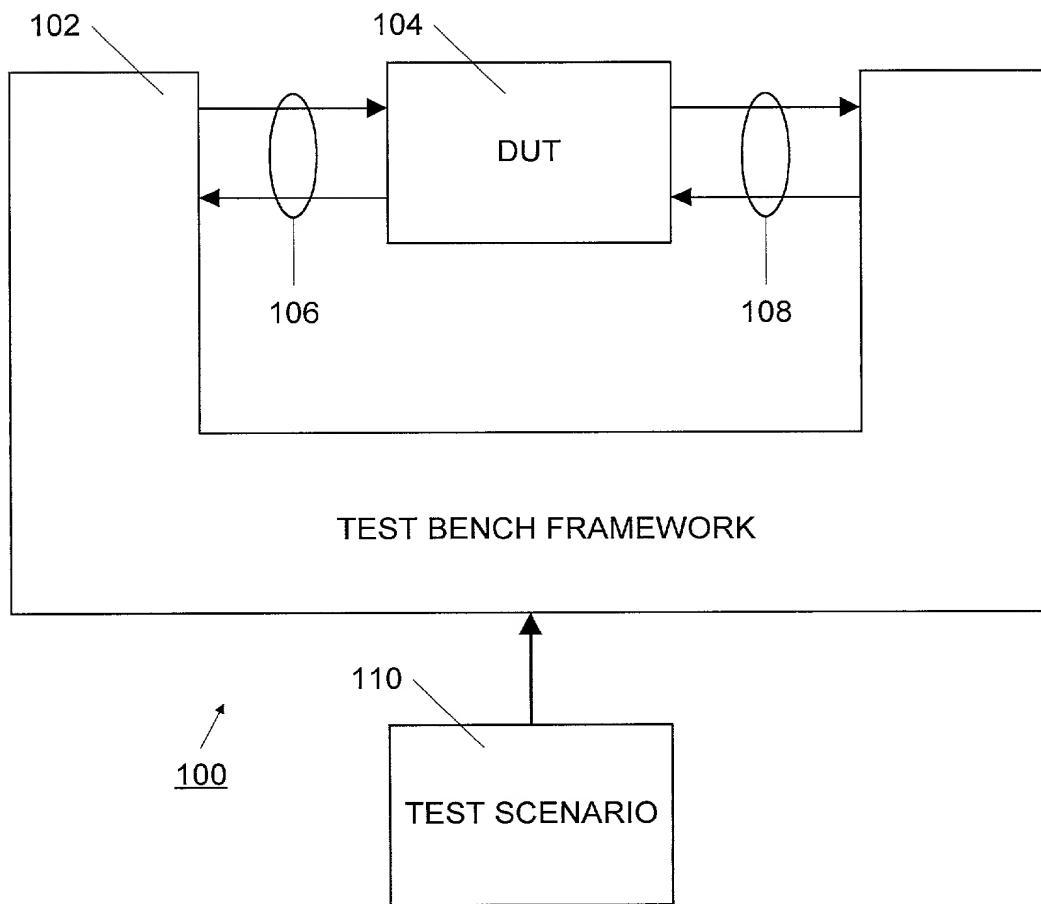


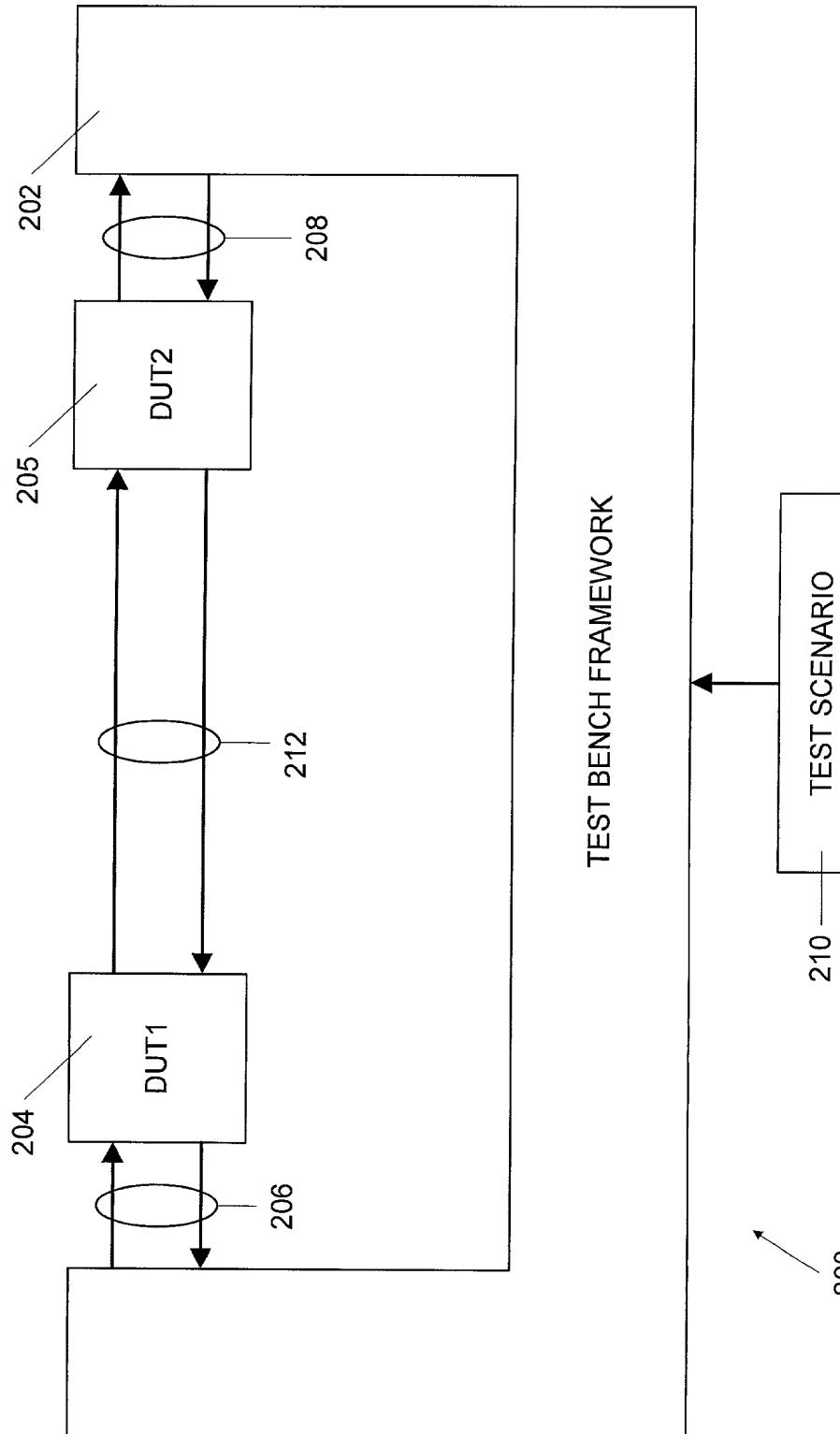
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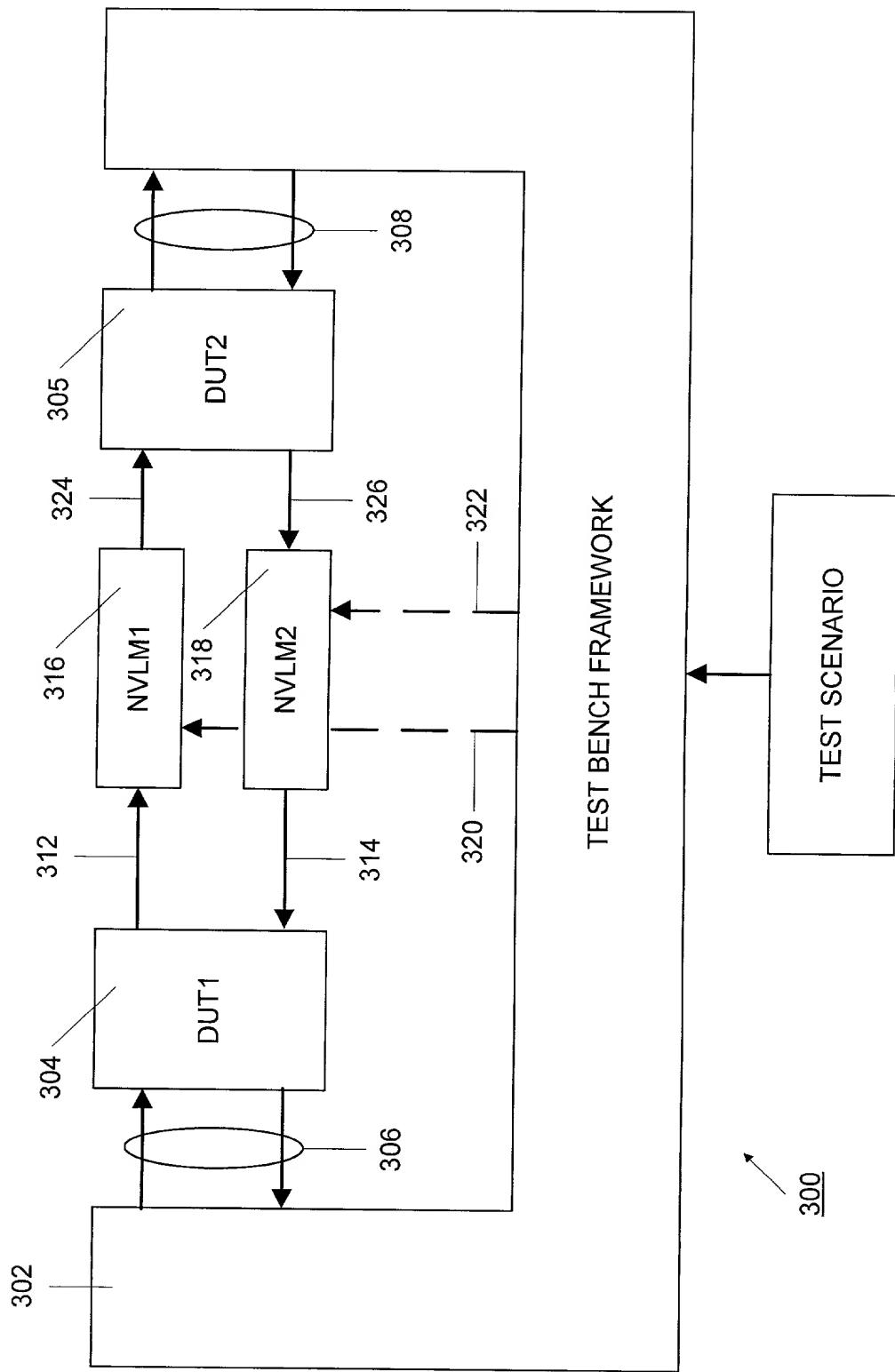


***FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)***

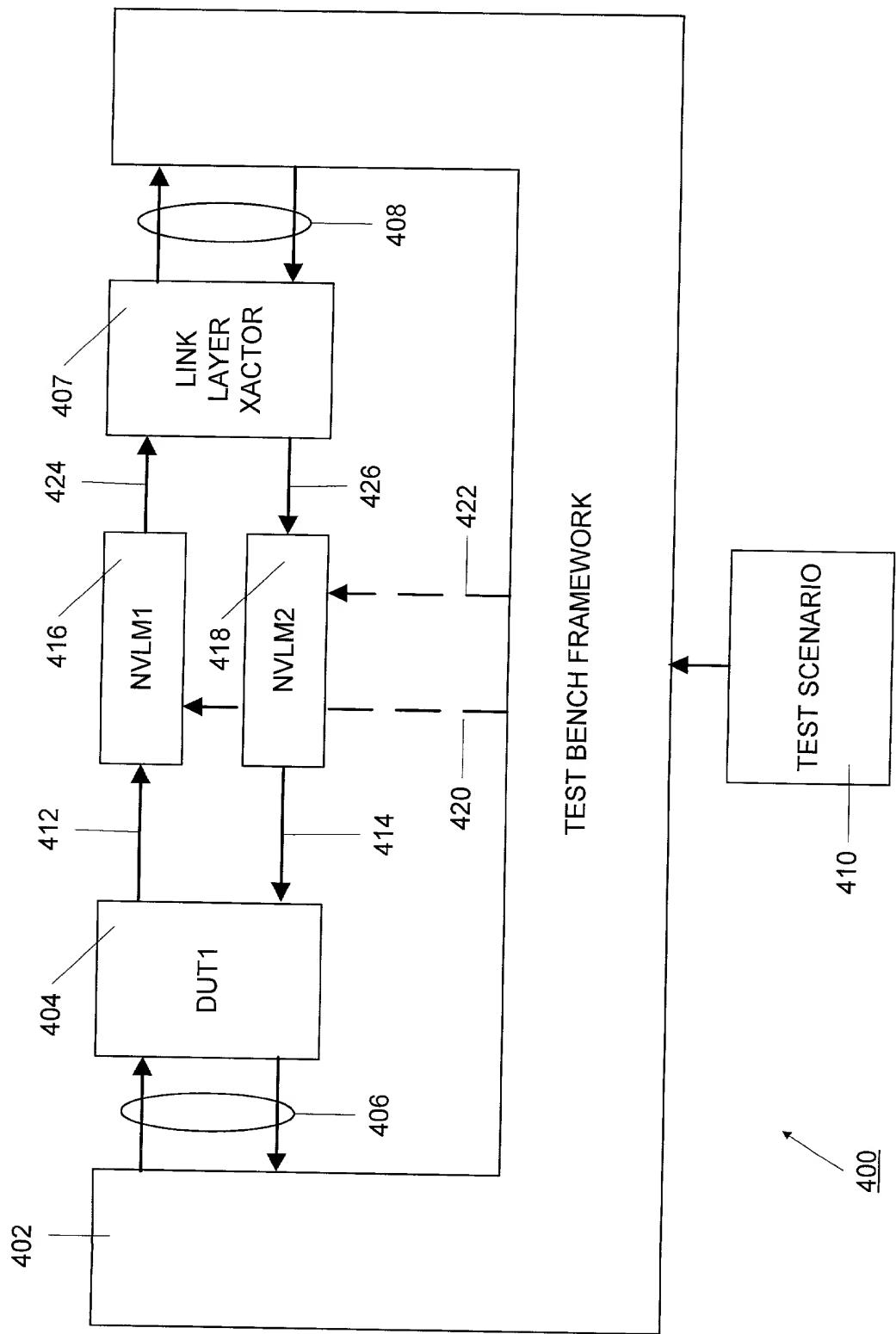
common ground connection between DUT1 and DUT2



**FIG. 2 (PRIOR ART)**

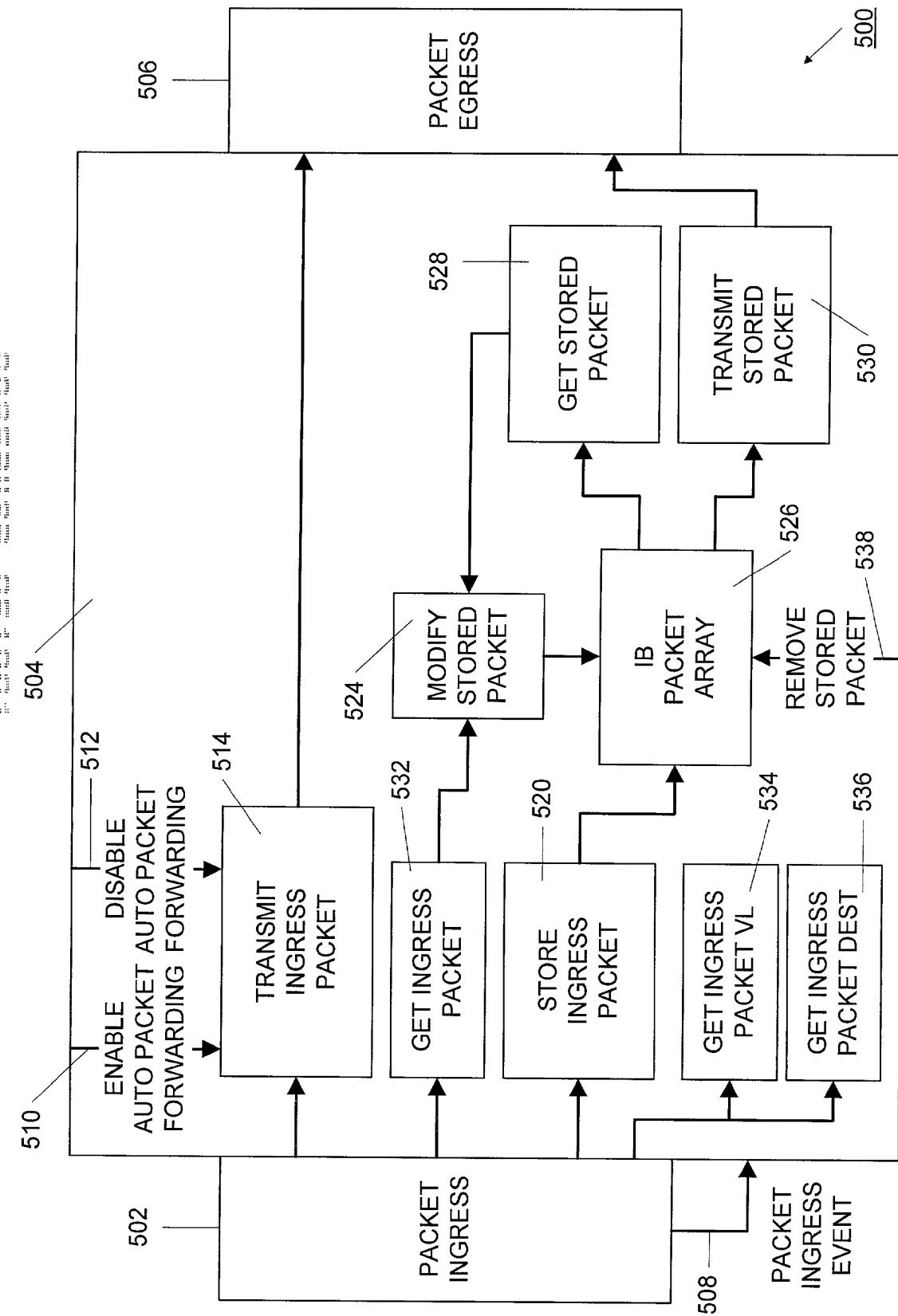


*FIG. 3*



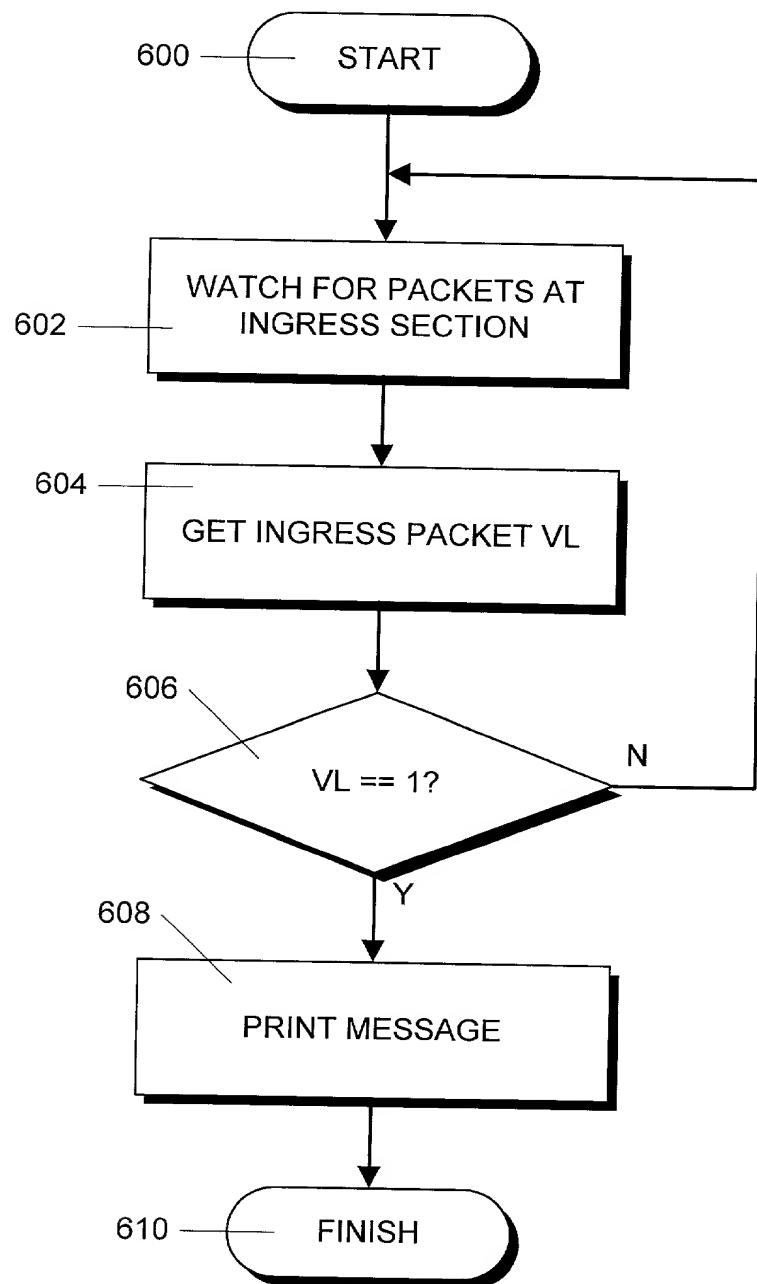
**FIG. 4**

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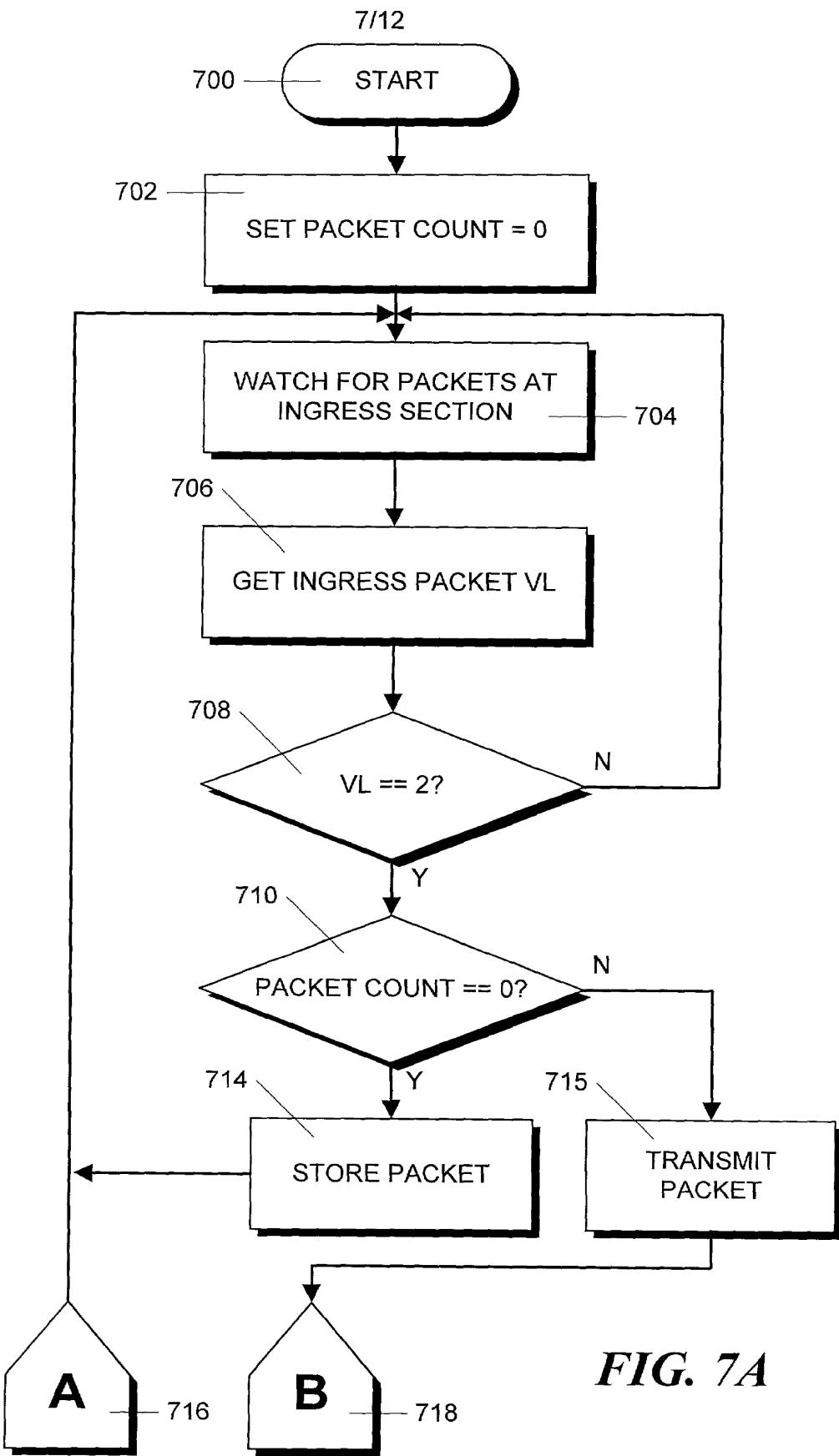


**FIG. 5**

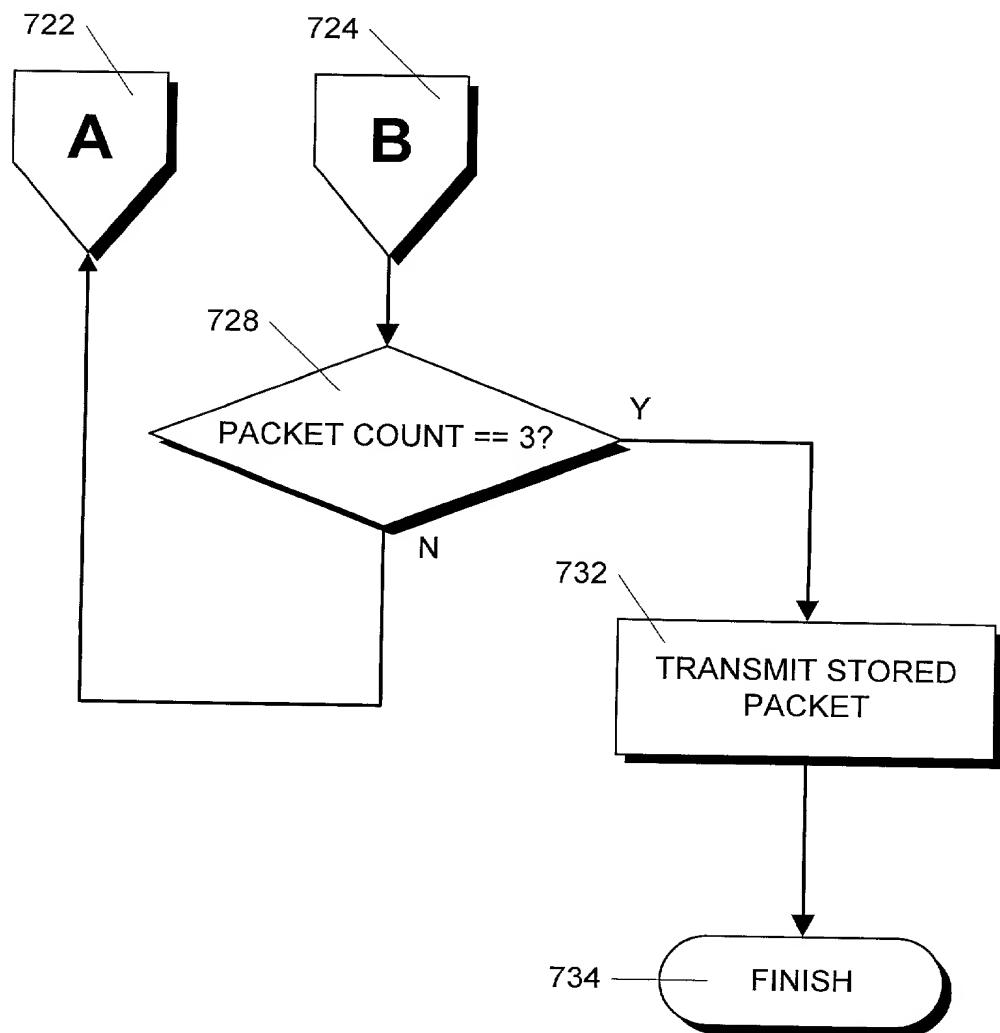
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**FIG. 6**

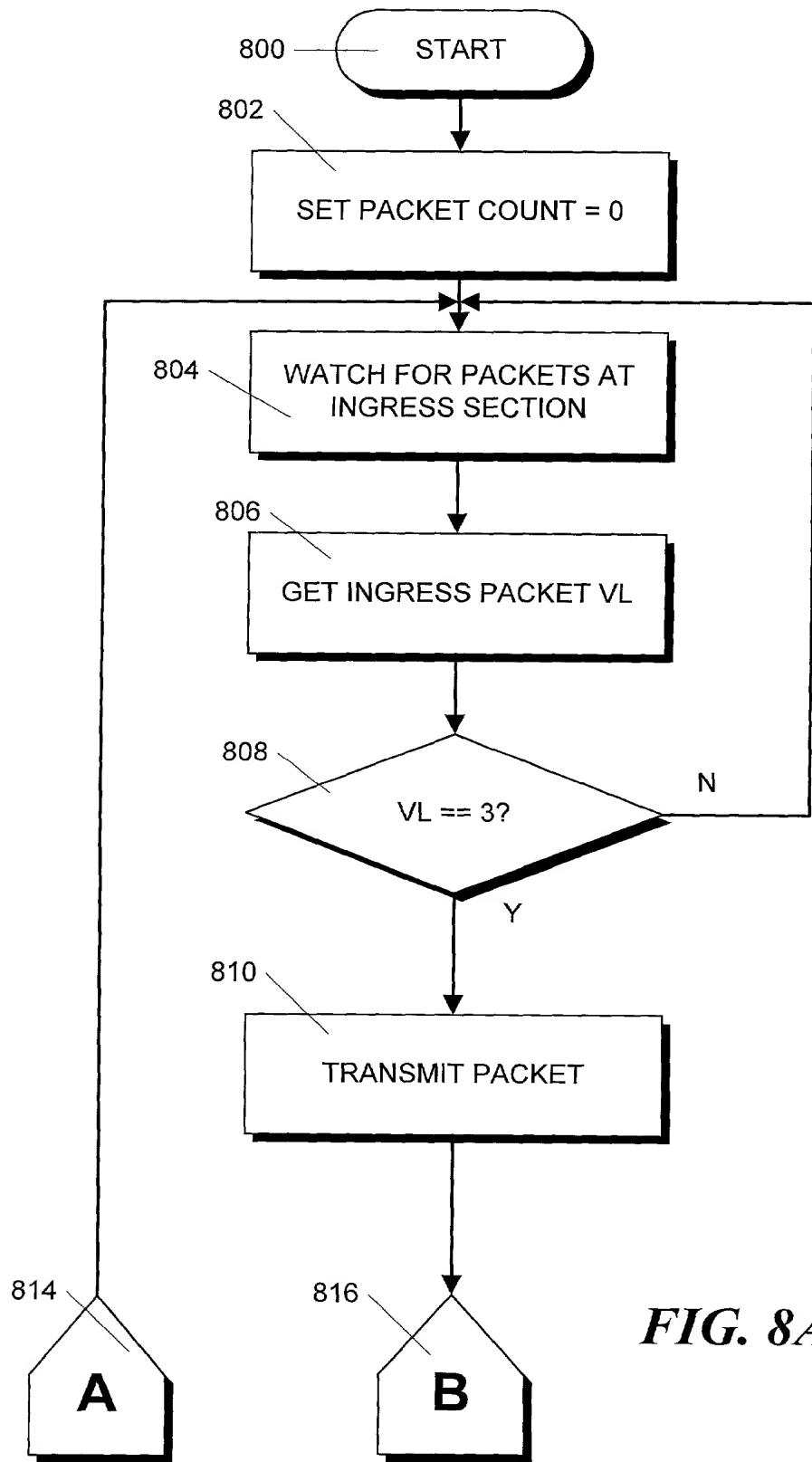


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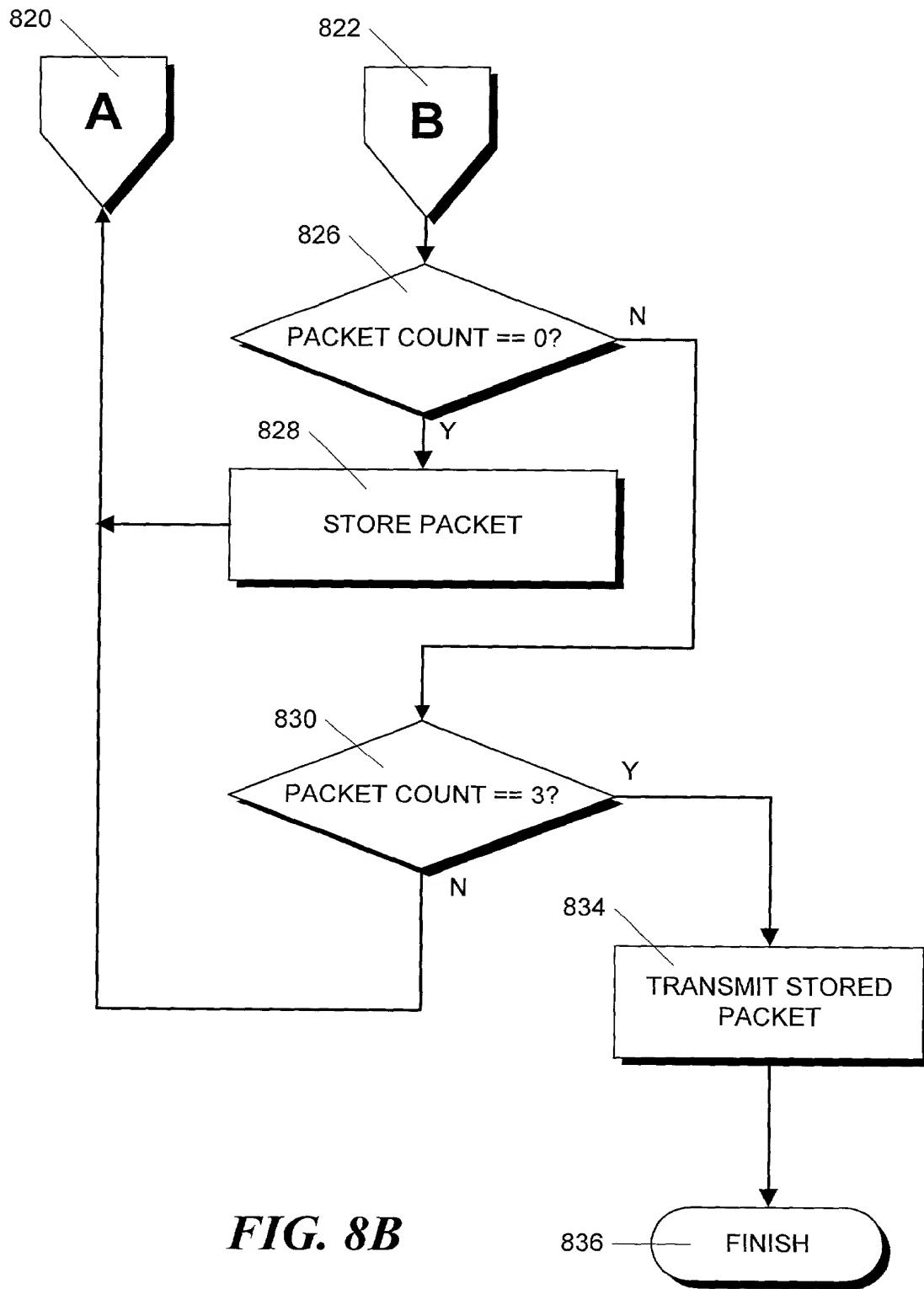
**FIG. 7B**

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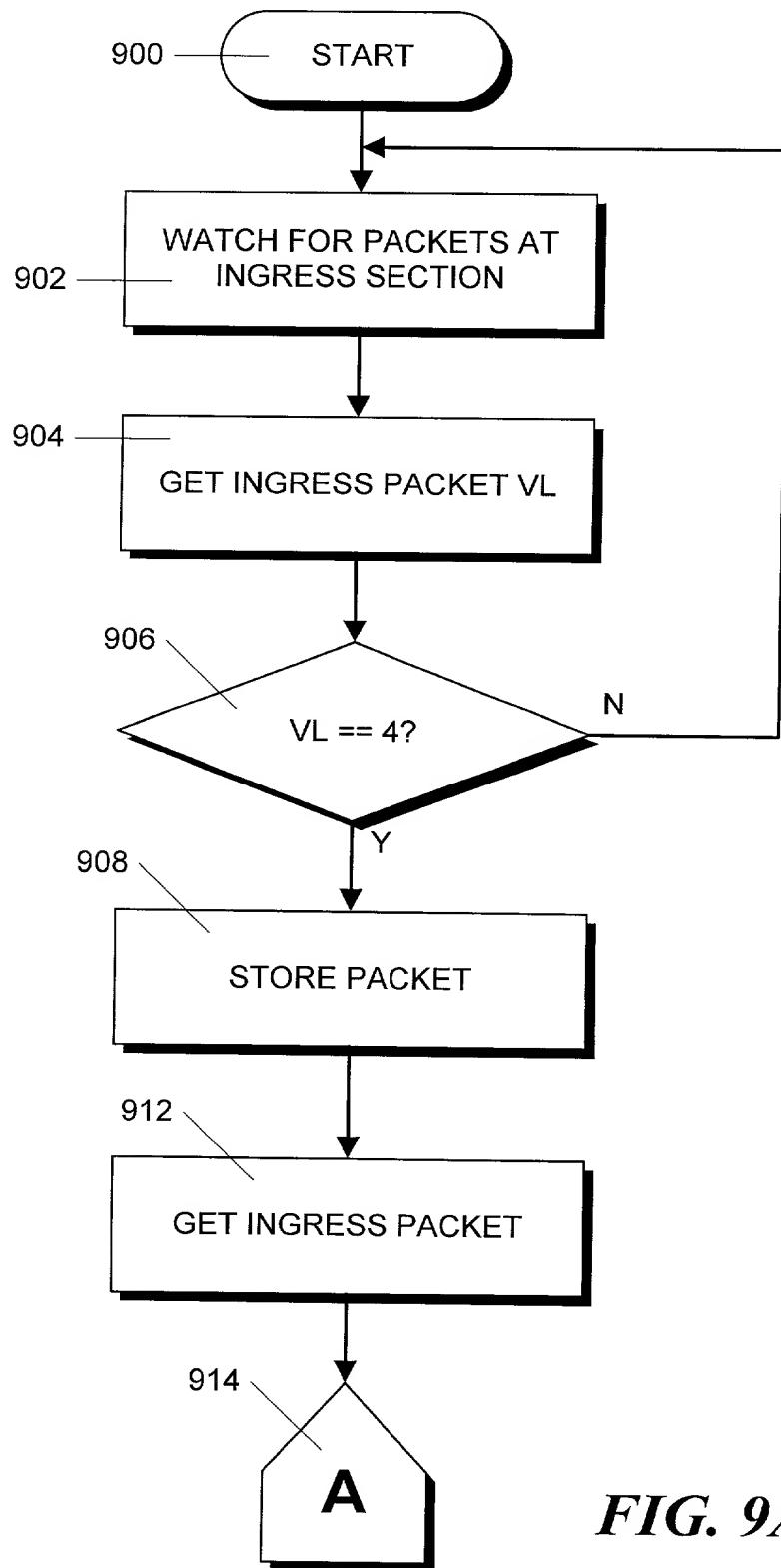
**FIG. 8A**

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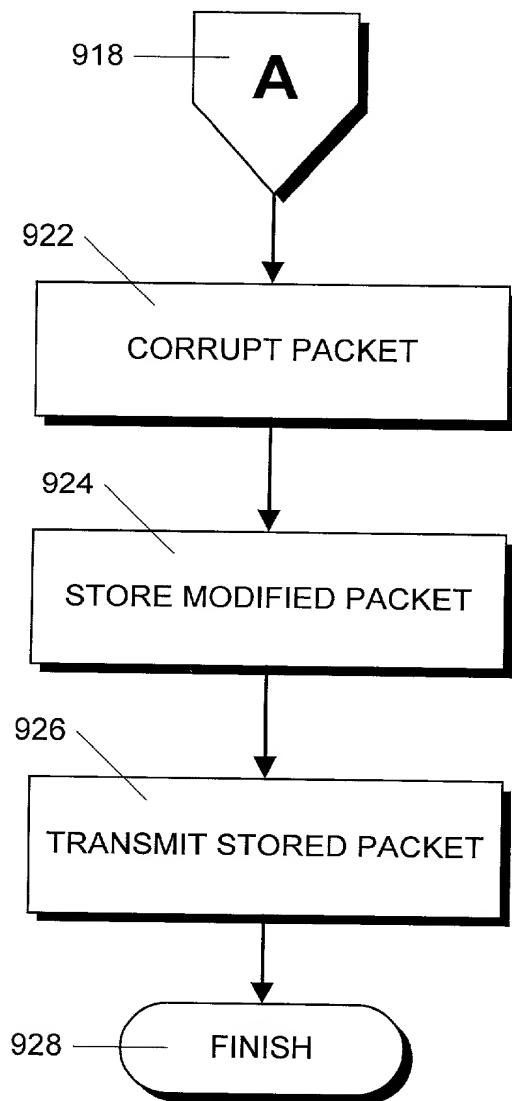
**FIG. 8B**

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**FIG. 9A**

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***FIG. 9B***